

Serial No.: 10/716,563

Docket No.: 102-1011

Amendment dated: December 18, 2007

Reply to the Office Actions of September 18, 2007 and November 23, 2007

REMARKS

Introduction

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication in the Advisory Action dated November 23, 2007, that claims 1-4, 6-14, 16, 22, and 26-28 have overcome the previous rejections under 35 USC §102 and 35 USC §103.

On December 7, 2007, Applicant's representative conducted a brief telephone interview with the Examiner, where the Examiner stated that a subsequent Response to the Advisory Action dated November 23, 2007 would be reviewed and considered. The Examiner also stated that the Application would be in condition for allowance pending cancellation of claims 21 and 23, as well as amendments correcting minor informalities in claims 19-20 and 27.

Claims 1, 7-8, 16, 18-20, and 30 have been amended. Claims 17, 21, and 23 have been cancelled. No new matter is being presented. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-4, 6-14, 16, 18-20, 22 and 26-30 are pending in the application. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims are requested.

Objections to Claims

The Examiner has objected to claims 19-20 and 27 due to informalities. Accordingly, claims 19-20 have been amended to depend from claim 16. Also, claim 1 has been amended to correct the antecedent basis problem regarding "the photoconductive medium" recited in dependent claim 27. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the above objections to the claims.

Response to Advisory Action Dated November 23, 2007

Applicants have cancelled claims 21 and 23. In the Advisory Action dated November 23, 2007, the Examiner stated that claims 1-4, 6-14, 16, 22, and 26-28 have overcome the prior 35 USC §102 and 35 USC §103 rejections from the Final Office Action dated September 18, 2007.

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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1-4, 6-14, 18-20, 22, and 26-30 for both of the following reasons: 1) the Examiner has stated that these claims are allowable, and 2) these claims are dependent from an allowable base claim.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, there being no other objections or rejections, this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 502827.

Respectfully submitted,

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